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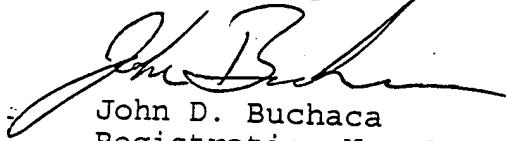
In response to the Office Action mailed November 18, 2002, applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the rejection of Claims 15, 23, 25 and 31 for the following reasons.

The Examiner's attention is drawn to U.S. Patent No. 6,212,741 which is the parent of the present application and was incorporated fully by reference in the present application on page number 9, line 15. The disclosure regarding electrical reaction which shows attachment of the tethered item can be seen in Figure 10B and which is further described in column 6, lines 11-15. The rejected claims merely require that the tether is adapted to carry an electrical signal indicating connection of the fastener to an item. Applicant submits that it is well within the skill of the art to metalize the tether such as forming it into a wire such that it would carry an electrical

signal.

In light of the above, early allowance of the pending claims
in earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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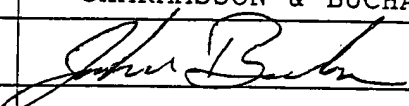
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